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SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN OPINION

Sir:

Enclosed for the record and for the Examiner's convenience is a copy of a PCT Written Opinion (dated January 7, 2003) issued by the European Patent Office in an international application which is a counterpart of the above-identified patent application.

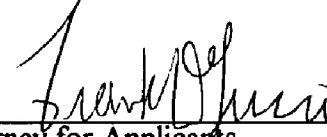
The references referred to in section 1 under the sub-heading "Further observations" in the Written Opinion, were cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 16, 2002 in the present application, and thus no copies of those documents are submitted herewith.

Entry hereof is earnestly solicited.

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